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**Children's Ministry on Purpose** Steven J. Adams 2017-03-28 Many children's ministries are a flurry of activity, run by dedicated volunteers and staff who put in long hours and work hard for the good of the children and parents they serve. Yet despite good intentions, many children's ministries today are not effective. They lack purpose and intentionality. A twenty-five year veteran of children's ministry in the local church, pastor Steve Adams has ministered to families in multiple churches, from tiny church plants to his present position at Saddleback Church. In this book, Steve applies the revolutionary insights of the Purpose Driven Church to children's ministry and leads readers on a journey of discovery, showing them how to develop an intentional ministry process that moves children toward spiritual health while building a healthy ministry environment for those who work with kids. You will learn how to ask and answer five simple but powerful questions: Why are we on this journey? Where are you and where are you going? Who are we trying to reach? How will we move our children towards spiritual health? What are the essential elements necessary for the journey? There is no single key to a successful children's ministry, nor is there only one way that works for everyone. But there is a proven process you can follow and Steve shows how children's ministries all over the world are reaching their God-given potential by discovering their biblical purpose, avoiding the traps of frustration and burnout.

**The Big Sort** Bill Bishop 2009-05-11 The award-winning journalist reveals the untold story of why America is so culturally and politically divided in this groundbreaking book. Armed with startling demographic data, Bill Bishop demonstrates how Americans have spent decades sorting themselves into alarmingly homogeneous communities—not by region or by state, but by city and neighborhood. With ever-increasing specificity, we choose the communities and media that are compatible with our lifestyles and beliefs. The result is a country that has become so ideologically inbred that people don't know and can't understand those who live just a few miles away. In *The Big Sort*, Bishop explores how this phenomenon came to be, and its dire implications for our country. He begins with stories about how we live today and then draws on history, economics, and our changing political landscape to create one of the most compelling big-picture accounts of America in recent memory.

**The Purpose Driven Life** Rick Warren 2012-10-23 Discover and fulfill your God-given purpose by joining the more than thirty-five million others who have embarked on a spiritual journey that started with this #1 New York Times bestselling book by Pastor Rick Warren. Before you were born, God knew what your life had in store for you. His hope for you is to discover the life he created just for you--both here

on earth, and forever in eternity. Let Rick Warren guide you as you learn to live out your true purpose. The Purpose Driven Life is more than a book; it's a road map for your spiritual journey. Combining thoughtful verses from Scripture with timely stories and perspectives from Warren's own life, *The Purpose Driven Life* will help you discover the answer to one of life's most important questions: What on earth am I here for? Throughout *The Purpose Driven Life*, Warren will teach you to spend time getting to know yourself and your creator in order to live your life to the fullest. Unlocking your true purpose will also reduce your stress, simplify your decisions, increase your satisfaction, and, most importantly, prepare you for eternity. Designed to be read over the course of forty-two days, *The Purpose Driven Life* will help you see the big picture, giving you a fresh perspective on the way that the pieces of your life fit together. Every chapter of *The Purpose Driven Life* provides a daily meditation and practical steps to help you uncover and live out your purpose, starting with exploring three essential questions: The Question of Existence: Why am I alive? The Question of Significance: Does my life matter? The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for? Each copy of *The Purpose Driven Life* also includes thoughtful discussion questions, audio Bible studies that go along with every chapter, and access to a supportive online community, giving you the opportunity to dive even deeper into each life-changing lesson.

**Purpose Driven Life Case of 16** Sr Rick Warren 2003-03-01 A groundbreaking manifesto on the meaning of life. The most basic question everyone faces in life is Why am I here? What is my purpose? Self-help books suggest that people should look within, at their own desires and dreams, but Rick Warren says the starting place must be with God and his eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God's purposes for putting us on earth. *The Purpose-Driven Life* takes the groundbreaking message of the award-winning Purpose-Driven Church and goes deeper, applying it to the lifestyle of individual Christians. This book helps readers understand God's incredible plan for their lives. Warren enables them to see the big picture of what life is all about and begin to live the life God created them to live. *The Purpose-Driven Life* is a manifesto for Christian living in the 21st century a lifestyle based on eternal purposes, not cultural values. Using biblical stories and letting the Bible speak for itself, Warren clearly explains God's 5 purposes for each of us: You were planned for God's pleasure, so your first purpose is to offer real worship; You were formed for God's family, so your second purpose is to enjoy real fellowship; You were created to become like Christ, so your third purpose is to learn real discipleship; You were shaped for serving God, so your fourth purpose

is to practice real ministry; You were made for a mission, so your fifth purpose is to live out real evangelism. This long-anticipated book is the life-message of Rick Warren, founding pastor of Saddleback Church. Written in a captivating devotional style, the book is divided into 40 short chapters that can be read as a daily devotional, studied by small groups, and used by churches participating in the nationwide 40 Days of Purpose campaign this Fall, 2002.

**Trojan Church** Gregory R. Reid 2008-09 We Have Been Invaded. The modern evangelical church is even now undergoing a transformation that is changing its heart and soul and foundation completely. The Future Church is the deliberately designed dream of those moving the world toward globalism, "One World - One Religion." Two or three decades ago, the obstacles to such a transformation were so many as to make the task almost impossible. But, said the tortoise to the hare, slow and steady wins the race. And while the church has run hare-like into trends, megachurch programs and media-driven movements, the New Age tortoise has come into the back door and planted within our walls the tares of deception and illusion that are transforming the church into a New Age Globalist apparatus and puppet from within. Be aware. Be prepared. The Trojan Church is here. Dr. Gregory Reid has been in youth ministry since 1975. He has served as a criminal justice trainer on occult crimes and crimes against children since 1987. He is a retired Private Investigator, an ordained minister with American Evangelistic Association, and is currently serving as a youth pastor. He is director of YouthFire Ministries, and holds an honorary doctorate from Logos Graduate School.

**Breakout Churches** Thom S. Rainer 2010-01-01 In Thom Rainer's latest book, Breakout Churches, he shows you how churches that were once healthy but had stagnated in growth have broken out to become great churches impacting lives and entire communities. Breakout Churches tells the story of these churches and their pastors. And, using a statistical approach, it identifies key patterns and characteristics common to churches that experienced turnarounds.

**Faithonomics** K. Brad Stamm 2012-05-17 In his book Faithonomics, K. Brad Stamm brings together the Scriptures, basic economic principles, and popular culture in an entertaining way, appealing to the informed and the uninformed about economics and Christian worldview. If you want to learn about a topic more talked about than the weather, or if you want to reflect on your spiritual life from a new perspective, Faithonomics is a book that will encourage, enrich, and bring new insight.

**What's Wrong with Western Missions?: The Perspective of a Local Believer** Kanat Yesmagambetov 2021-10-19 As a local minister in Kazakhstan, Kanat Yesmagambetov has seen firsthand the impact that Western missionaries are having on the rest of the world. After spending years working with Western mission boards, Kanat has decided it's time to speak up and address the issues that are keeping the Gospel from spreading in nations such as his. With a heart to help his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, Kanat clearly confronts Western Christian leaders regarding their well-intentioned but ineffective methods of sharing God's Word. Be prepared to evaluate your own heart and hear the words of a laborer in the field.

**God Betrayed** Jerald Finney 2008-08-01 God Betrayed explains: (1) the biblical principles concerning government, church, and separation of church and state which one needs to know in order to understand the First Amendment and why it was adopted; (2) the history of the theological warfare in the colonies that eventually resulted in the adoption of the First Amendment; (3) how and why, soon after the ratification of the Constitution and the First Amendment, many churches subjected themselves to the state; (4) how the Supreme Court has used the First

Amendment religion clause to remove God from practically all civil government affairs; (5) how civil government entices many churches to abandon their Supernatural and First Amendment freedoms; and (6) how churches in America can operate totally under God and free from any control by civil government. After graduating from college in 1970 and serving as an army officer in the Viet Nam conflict, Jerald Finney worked for the railroad and then started and operated a photography studio in Fort Worth, Texas. He was saved in 1982. God called him to enter the legal profession. He entered the University of Texas School of Law in 1990, and was licensed to practice law in 1993. Since that time, the Lord has guided his career. In 2005, he became lead counsel for the Biblical Law Center. This book is the result of his in depth studies of the issue of separation of church and state, the main issue which is addressed by the Biblical Law Center. The Purpose Driven Church Richard Warren 2013

**Beware the Slow Leaks** Steve King 2019-06-04 "Urgent, timely, and inspiring biblical wisdom for Christian leaders who want to start strong, thrive fully, and finish well!" –W. Scott Brown, Christian Leadership Alliance "Too often technique and numeric growth are on the minds of young pastors. Learn from a veteran and seek faithfulness!" –Matt Schmucker, co-founder, 9Marks "A powerful and preventive message for every pastor who desires to hear 'well done' at the finish line." –Cliff Clifton, North American Mission Board, director of Send DC As leaders, it's our greatest desire: a life that honors God, strengthens our family, and draws those we lead to Jesus Christ. But behind our well-intentioned efforts and carefully prepared sermons, we also carry fear of failure, disappointments, hurts, and hidden sins. These can become slow leaks resulting not only in public failure, but more importantly, in devastation to those we love and lead. But here's the good news: You don't have to live in fear. The God who called you stands ready to empower you to confidently plug the slow leaks in your life, to vigorously flourish, and to finish well. In Beware the Slow Leaks, Pastor Steve King draws on over forty years of ministry to equip Christian leaders to build healthy, gospel-centered habits now so they don't have to bail their ship later. With biblical wisdom, personal stories, and spiritual care, King inspires ministers to practice what they preach—providing eight pro-active strategies to help Christian leaders fully thrive and confidently finish. Now is the time to fortify your hull against the slow leaks. Join Pastor King as he points you to the God who has called you to sail the waters with Him, not just bail your boat.

*The Servant-Driven Church* Ray Fulenwider 2004-06

*Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion, Volume 32* 2022-05-16 The present volume explores lesser-heard and unheard issues in the study of religion. Among other things, lived experiences of religion in higher education are interrogated; culture is studied as lived experience; and "evangelicalism" is outlined as an emic and etic concept.

**INSINCERE, IRRELEVANT, INVALID** Dustin M. Fugate 2022-04-04 Whether it be over politics, religion, or types of flooring in their houses, the younger generations seem to always end up falling short of the older generation's standards. Perhaps deservedly so, the younger generations are keenly aware of the criticisms they receive from their elders, especially when it comes to the Church and Christianity. Join Dustin as he navigates through the religious and cultural foundations in which the younger generations were reared, and search for clues as to why the younger generations always seem to get stuck with the brunt of the blame for the current state of the Modern Church. Who is truly at fault? Did these younger generations get dealt a bad hand? Or are they just selfishly abusing and

carelessly handling what was given to them? Insincere, Irrelevant, Invalid seeks to shed light on what has happened to these younger generations and help readers understand exactly why there is such a rapidly growing schism between the Modern Church and the younger generations, while properly defining what Church is, who it is for, man's role, and why we Worship.

#### **Summary and Analysis of The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For?**

Worth Books 2017-02-28 So much to read, so little time? This brief overview of The Purpose Driven Life tells you what you need to know—before or after you read Rick Warren's book. Crafted and edited with care, Worth Books set the standard for quality and give you the tools you need to be a well-informed reader. This short summary and analysis of The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren includes: Historical context Chapter-by-chapter summaries Key scripture and inspirational quotes Fascinating trivia Glossary of terms Supporting material to enhance your understanding of the original work About The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For? by Rick Warren: With forty chapters devoted to forty days, Rick Warren's bestselling The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For? guides readers toward discovering their life's purpose through a Christ-centered approach. Being successful and living out your purpose don't always go hand in hand. Rick Warren's wildly popular and life-changing book offers a transformational learning experience to help us become what God created us to be and live the lives we were meant to live. The summary and analysis in this ebook are intended to complement your reading experience and bring you closer to a great work of nonfiction.

Deceived on Purpose Warren B. Smith 2004 Is Purpose-Driven Life leading the majority of the Christian church down a path that leads to New Age deception? What do New Age leaders, who believe all paths lead to God, have in common with Purpose-Driven Life? Are the details of biblical prophecy and Jesus' return our business? Not according to Rick Warren, but what does Scripture say? What is Rick Warren's "Global Peace Plan" really all about?

Built on the Sand Brian Black 2021-02-18 This book provides a new and thoroughly researched analysis to the problem of church growth. Both sociological research and biblical evidence show that denominations which uncompromisingly stand for their beliefs grow. Long-term growth accordingly demands strictness and emphasizes theological differences. Evidence of evangelical decline is charted over the last several decades. While much of the book will focus upon the Holiness Movement to exemplify the difficulties faced by modern conservatives, the scope is broadened to include all evangelical groups. Similar factors which caused mainline churches to begin shrinking in the 1960s are causing the decline of evangelical churches today; history is simply repeating itself. The concepts in this book give insight to the problem by placing church growth in a proper sociological and scriptural framework. Along with scientific growth concepts, much of the book applies biblical principles from the New Testament and relates how the mega-church philosophy has not only undermined the foundation of many Christian values, it has also begun causing growth to collapse. The church in America is dying, and unless biblical foundations are restored, the American church will soon crumble into nothing more than a footnote of history.

*Pop Goes the Church* Tim Stevens 2008 Whether you're a regular attendee, a leader, or have yet to step foot in a church, you may have questions about church that aren't being answered. How can the church remain relevant while communicating the unchanging integrity of God's truth? Author Tim Stevens makes an inspiring case for leveraging pop culture to reach out to people in the language of their lives.

He offers a new perspective that gives relevance and impact to the church by using popular culture-meeting people in the real world with words, sounds and images that speak to them. He encourages us to get out of our comfort zones and look people in the eyes, meeting them wherever they are, relating to their problems and society's challenges—even celebrating pop culture, where there are exciting signs of spiritual seeking. Pop Goes the Church will open your mind to church in a way that breaks down walls, engages the culture and speaks to a generation that needs to hear good news. Book jacket.

**Teenagers Matter** Mark Cannister 2018-08-23 Why Teenagers Matter in the Life of the Church

*Small Groups with Purpose* Steve Gladen 2011-06-01 Over the past fifteen years, small groups have become a vital way to build community in large churches. Nowhere has this been more apparent than at Saddleback Church. Now Steve Gladen, pastor of small groups at Saddleback, shares the secrets of that ministry's incredible success in creating small groups with purpose. This practical book walks church leaders through the questions they need to answer to develop their own intentional small group strategy. Built around the most commonly asked questions, *Small Groups with Purpose* outlines the step-by-step process of creating a successful small group ministry. Because it is built upon principles and not methods, this plan can be implemented in any size church. Each chapter ends with a list of questions for readers to answer to help them assess their current situation and their desires for the future. Personal stories, Scripture, and examples ground the discussion and show the system in action. Pastors and small group leaders will find this book instrumental in making small groups work in their churches.

Great Commission, Great Confusion, or Great Confession? Lucas V. Woodford 2012-04-26 There is a great debate going on in the church today. It centers on one question: "What is the mission of the church?" From culturally relevant, emerging congregations to strategic methods of organization and outreach, many claim they have the answer. They say the mission must become "missional." Yet the churches of North America continue to struggle. Uncertainty is growing. "What does it really mean to be 'missional'?" Competing claims abound. "Get the message out!" "Get the message right!" Great confusion has set in, particularly in the postmodern North American church. The Gospel is getting lost. Yet, throughout the ages, the creedal confession of the Holy Christian Church has carried her through uncertainty and struggle. The Apostles' Creed has steadied and stayed the mission of the church for centuries. It centers on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit--the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. This book celebrates the historic mission of the Holy Christian Church, and it invites the North American church to do the same.

**God's Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible** Rick Warren 2017-09-26 The God's Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible uses kid-sized versions of the 40 foundational principles found in the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Purpose Driven Life* by pastor Rick Warren, helping boys and girls find the same motivating love of Christ in their own lives. Pastor Warren's unique approach starts by introducing each Bible story with a theme that aligns with one of his renowned PDL principles. Then, he uses colorful illustrations and an engaging, narrative tone to guide younger readers through each story. Finally, he wraps up the stories with a closing thought that turns each principle into a practical step boys and girls can take to discover God's big plans for them. Warren is a natural storyteller, and his principles have changed the lives of millions of adults. The God's Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible is the kid-friendly version that parents, grandparents, pastors, and

teachers have been waiting for. *God's Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible*: Uses child-friendly language to introduce and engage children ages 4-8 in 40 of the most important Bible stories Includes illustrations that visually highlight—at a child's comprehension level—the 40 foundational principles from the New York Times bestseller, *The Purpose Driven Life* Features an easy-to-understand, chronological approach to Bible reading

Self Portrait Annette H. Evans 2014-01-10 *Self Portrait* is an empowering book for women who have searched for happiness in all the wrong places. When artist Annette Hackney Evans only found fleeting happiness through relationships, material things, and accomplishments, she was driven to discover the answer to a universal question: "How can I be happy more often?" For twenty-five years Annette studied books written by or about the most the most influential people of our past and present. Gathering quotes and stories into a scrapbook, the secret, the secret to her personal happiness revealed itself. She compiled this timeless wisdom into *Self Portrait*, and brings her storytelling to life through thirty fine-art portraits of both ordinary and well-known people. "To increase your happiness, simply increase your grateful and loving thoughts." Turn your life into a masterpiece through the gentle guidance of this creative, extraordinary book. Follow the 5 STEPS outlined and you will soon be living an authentically happy life. For more information please visit [www.annetteheevans.com](http://www.annetteheevans.com).

Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest Thomas P. Johnston 2011-05-23 *Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest* addresses practical aspects of evangelism in the local church, with the voices and views of nineteen current Southern Baptist professors of evangelism. They address important topics to local church evangelism, such as "Invitations with integrity" and "Preparing for Spiritual Warfare." Key leaders and professors write in their areas of expertise. For examples, Alvin Reid writes on "Mobilizing Students," David Wheeler on "Servant Evangelism," Josef Solc on "Sports Evangelism," and Darrell Robinson on "The Evangelist." In addition, the book begins and ends with two different applications of Matthew's Great Commission. *Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest* is a gold mine of information for both pastor and deacon, as it is for students considering the importance of evangelism to local church ministry. It is fresh, new, and true--as all of its authors teach at SBC-affiliated schools and are grounded in the Bible as the inerrant Word of God!

Handbook of Megachurches Stephen J. Hunt 2019-11-26 The megachurch is an exceptional recent religious trend, certainly within Christian spheres. Spreading from the USA, megachurches now reached reach different global contexts. The edited volume *Handbook of Megachurches* offers a comprehensive account of the subject from various academic perspectives.

**Ex Auditu - Volume 29** Klyne Snodgrass 2014-06-05 Contents Announcement of the 2014 Symposium Abbreviations Introduction Klyne Snodgrass Visions of Horror, Visions of Hope: An Orientation for Urban Ministry from the Book of Amos M. Daniel Carroll R. Response to Carroll Nathan Bills Early Christian Communities in the Greco-Roman City: Perspectives on Urban Ministry from the New Testament Paul Trebilco Response to Trebilco Stephen Chester The Necessity of Lament for Ministry in the Urban Context Soong-Chan Rah Response to Rah Jessica Rivera Good Citizenship: A Study of Philippians 1:27 and Its Implications for Contemporary Urban Ministry Dennis R. Edwards Response to Edwards Kurt N. Fredrickson Love Yourself: Urban Ministry and the Challenge of Self-Love Chanequa Walker-Barnes Prophet, Pagan, Prayer: Urban Theology of Reversal in the Story of Jonah David Leong Response to Leong Daniel White Hodge The Ministerial Significance of Early Syriac Theology Vince L. Bantu

Response to Bantu Armida Belmonte Stephens "No Shortcut to the Promised Land": The Fosdick Brothers and Muscular Christianity Amy Laura Hall Response to Hall Reggie Williams The Lord of the Rings Isaias Mercado Annotated Bibliography on Urban Ministry Presenters and Respondents Ex Auditu - Volumes Available

**The Everychurch Guide to Growth** C. Peter Wagner 1998-08-01 A growing church is a living church, but much of the attention in church growth today is focused on making big churches bigger. This encouraging new book shows members of small and medium-sized congregations how to revive and expand their ministries as well. Churches of every size tend to plateau in attendance and never break free of their self-imposed limitations or 'growth barriers'. This book gives detailed, practical instructions for breaking through those barriers to new levels of impact and service in the community. The EveryChurch Guide to Growth rallies church leaders and members to develop plans for strength and solid growth in the future.

Sunday School That Really Works, Responds, and Excels Steve R. Parr 2013-12-10 Product contains *Sunday School That Really Works*, *Sunday School That Really Responds*, and *Sunday School That Really Excels* by Steve R. Parr.

Planning Small Groups with Purpose Steve Gladen 2018-07-03 Small groups are a great way to promote the spiritual formation of church attendees. But leading them well can be hard work, especially if you don't have a plan. This practical resource helps pastors and small group point people develop and implement a 12- to 18-month strategic plan for their ministries in order to keep it healthy and growing. Developed at Saddleback Church, this completely customizable plan works for any church size and any denomination. Readers answer 22 questions that help them understand their vision, the purpose of their ministry, and how to connect members, grow numerically and spiritually, measure progress, develop leaders, create opportunities to serve, and much more. By the time they're done, readers will have developed their own personalized planner for the next year to 18 months so that they can feel prepared, confident, and purposeful about their small group ministry.

After the Wrath of God Anthony Michael Petro 2015 This study demonstrates how Christian leaders and AIDS activists in the United States have posited HIV/AIDS as a religious and moral epidemic and asks how this understanding has informed cultural and political debates about prevention, healthcare, and sex education all over the world. Drawing upon archival research, oral histories, and textual analysis, this book maps the moral language regarding sexuality - and especially homosexuality - through which evangelicals, mainline Protestants, Catholic leaders, and gay and lesbian AIDS activists made sense of and responded to the epidemic.

*The Purpose Driven Church* Rick Warren 2007-09-04 Every church is driven by something. Tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even buildings can each be the controlling force in a church. But Rick Warren believes that in order for a church to be healthy it must become a purpose driven church by Jesus. Now the founding pastor of Saddleback Church shares a proven five-part strategy that will enable your church to grow. . . - Warmer through fellowship - Deeper through discipleship - Stronger through worship - Broader through ministry - Larger through evangelism. Discover the same practical insights and principles for growing a healthy church that Rick has taught in seminars to over 22,000 pastors and church leaders from sixty denominations and forty-two countries. The Purpose Driven Church® shifts the focus away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process. Warren says, "If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church."

**Becoming a Healthy Church** Stephen A. Macchia 2003-11-01 "A wonderful tool that I recommend to every church that is serious about being purpose-driven." -Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose-Driven Church Now* available in trade paper, *Becoming a Healthy Church* illustrates the ten most important characteristics of church health. Based on extensive surveys, this helpful volume is designed to encourage the creation of a healthy climate for your church and its ministry.

*The Great Challenge* Ryan Nunez 2020-06-01 We are going to look at five specific ways that Jesus instructs his followers to love and your challenge is to try it out, to put it into practice and see what happens. Each challenge asks you to break through a barrier common in most people's lives with an uncommon act of love. Through the journey you will see what happens within the people you love and what happens within you. Living Jesus's command to love one another will transform your life. We are not talking about a feeling-based or emotional love... and neither was Jesus. We are talking about an action-based love. A radical love that stretches the bounds of comfort and rational thinking. It's the kind of love that can change the world.

*Purpose Driven Youth Ministry* Doug Fields 2009-12-15 If you long to reach kids and see their lives changed by God, this comprehensive guide shows you how. Purpose Driven® Youth Ministry will do for youth ministry what Rick Warren's Gold Medallion award-winning, *The Purpose Driven® Church* is doing for pastoral ministry. It's an indispensable guide to creating and maintaining youth ministry for the long run. It will help you create a solid spiritual team that builds the foundations of the Christian faith into the hearts and lives of young people. Forged around the fundamental purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship, Purpose Driven® Youth Ministry uses the experiences of Saddleback Church to illustrate what a healthy Youth ministry can be. Nine transferable principles help you - Connect with the power of God for passionate, committed leadership - Define the purpose of your ministry and communicate it effectively - Identify your potential audience - Create programs that reach your audience and fulfill God's purposes - Implement processes that move students to maturity - Enhance your ministry with clearly defined values - Team up with parents to involve the whole family - Find volunteers and develop them into participating leaders - Persevere through tough times and thrive in an ever-changing environment. Balancing both theory and practice, Purpose Driven® Youth Ministry can be applied to any church setting, regardless of size, denomination, facilities, resources, and existing leadership. Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry will help you develop a ministry that equips students rather than a ministry that coordinates events. Doug Fields says, "My goal for this book is to coach you through a plan to build a healthy youth ministry that isn't dependent on one great youth leader and won't be destroyed when the youth worker leaves the church. It's not a book on how to grow your youth ministry with six easy steps; it's about identifying, establishing, and building health into your church's youth ministry.

*Leading Small Groups with Purpose* Steve Gladen 2012-02-01 "Steve Gladen, pastor of small groups at Saddleback Church for more than a decade, takes you step-by-step toward a healthy, dynamic group with focus and purpose. For the new small group leader, the seasoned leader who feels their small group lacks purpose, or the leader who is itching to move their small group to the next level, *Leading Small Groups with Purpose* is the road map to follow. Every chapter includes ideas that you can implement immediately, as well as ways to shape your small group over time. With Gladen's expert help, you will define success clearly, develop a

personal leadership plan, invite members into your group, and help members fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment." -- Publisher description.  
*The Subversive Evangelical* Peter J. Schuurman 2019-06-30 Evangelicals have been scandalized by their association with Donald Trump, their megachurches summarily dismissed as "religious Walmarts." In *The Subversive Evangelical* Peter Schuurman shows how a growing group of "reflexive evangelicals" use irony to critique their own tradition and distinguish themselves from the stereotype of right-wing evangelicalism. Entering the Meeting House – an Ontario-based Anabaptist megachurch – as a participant observer, Schuurman discovers that the marketing is clever and the venue (a rented movie theatre) is attractive to the more than five thousand weekly attendees. But the heart of the church is its charismatic leader, Bruxy Cavey, whose anti-religious teaching and ironic tattoos offer a fresh image for evangelicals. This charisma, Schuurman argues, is not just the power of one individual; it is a dramatic production in which Cavey, his staff, and attendees cooperate, cultivating an identity as an "irreligious" megachurch and providing followers with a more culturally acceptable way to practise their faith in a secular age. Going behind the scenes to small group meetings, church dance parties, and the homes of attendees to investigate what motivates these reflexive evangelicals, Schuurman reveals a playful and provocative counterculture that distances itself from prevailing stereotypes while still embracing a conservative Christian faith.

**What on Earth Am I Here For?** Rick Warren 2004-11 An evangelistic booklet based on the first three chapters of *The Purpose Driven Life*.

*A Survey of World Missions* Robin Hadaway 2020-05-01 Reflecting thorough scholarship and decades of ministry experience, Robin Hadaway's *A Survey of World Missions* examines the biblical, theological, and historical foundations of missions, as well as issues of culture and worldview, contextualization, philosophy, and mission strategy. The book is designed to assist pastors, students, missionaries, and theologians in developing sound theory and praxis for both the international and North American mission field. Through his use of field illustrations and key questions, Hadaway achieves a conversational tone, making this textbook ideal for use in both academic and lay settings.

**Equipping Biblical Counselors** Bob Kellemen 2022-06-14 "Equipping the body of Christ for personal ministry has been Bob's life work. This practical, step-by-step manual is the mature fruit of that lifelong commitment." –Paul David Tripp, author of *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hand* Behind every spiritually fit church are leaders in the constant process of preparing other members to become counselors who nurture "one-another ministry." But the success of this mission requires a practical, results-driven process for training the next generation to serve. In *Equipping Biblical Counselors*, pastor and counselor Bob Kellemen shares a proven strategy for envisioning, enlisting, equipping, and empowering new Christian counselors—a practical four-step process he has spent decades refining. With this book, Dr. Kellemen humbly comes alongside church leaders to help them assess their congregation's strengths and weaknesses shepherd new leaders with confidence and wisdom encourage the consistent spiritual growth God longs to see in his followers Invest where it matters most! *Equipping Biblical Counselors* reveals the steps ministry leaders can take to fulfill the calling in Ephesians 4:11-16 to embolden the body of Christ to continue changing lives with his unchanging truth.

**Big Lessons from Little Known Letters** Kirk R. Webster 2000